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B.T.(MASS (CIRC/TABLOID, INDEPENDENT) TODAY CARRIED EDITORIAL UNDER HEADING "IT IS USEFUL" ABOUT RECENT TRENDS IN SOVIET UNION. EXCERPT, QUOTE: SOVIET RATIFICATION THREE DAYS AGO OF TWO U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS DOES NOT WITH ONE STROKE CREATE SUCH RIGHTS IN THAT COUNTRY. RATIFICATION TOOK PLACE FOR REALISTIC CONSIDERATIONS BECAUSE CSCE NOW IS TO BEGIN DEBATE IN GENEVA OF DECISIVE POINTS: FREE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE, AND OPINIONS AS PRECONDITION FOR DETENTE. (...) SOVIET UNION HAS ALSO RECENTLY STOPPED ITS JAMMING OF WESTERN RADIO STATIONS. (...) SOVIET INITIATIVES SHOW THAT MEN IN KREMLIN REALLY CARE ABOUT WORLD OPINION. (...) ALL TAKEN TOGETHER IS INDICATION THAT IT IS REALLY USEFUL TO CALL FOR FREEDOM OR MERELY APPEAL TO REASON IN SOVIET UNION. THAT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT REDUCE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOVIET UNION, STILL PERSECUTING AND JAILING PEOPLE WHO FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT IT MAKES FREE WORLD MORE RESPONSIBLE UNQUOTE.
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